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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God of love, whose plan for history is to bring unity to our world, bring unity to this legislative body. Lord, we don't ask for uniformity, which tries to find the lowest common denominator. We desire true unity with its bountiful diversity. Help our law-makers to create an environment for such harmony. Give them the wisdom to appreciate each other and to honor their differences. May they see the good, even in those who oppose their views, knowing that out of differences can come the synthesis of truth and action that represents maximum wisdom and influence. Empower them to serve one another in a way that honors You. We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 11, 2009.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KIRSTEN E.

GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, following the remarks of the leaders, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 2 p.m. and Senators will be allowed to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. The first hour is equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the next half.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. The time until 2:30 will be equally divided and controlled between Senators DODD and ENZI or their designees, from 2 to 2:30. At 2:30, we will vote on passage of the bill.

MEASURES PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 1232 and H.R. 2751

Mr. REID. Madam President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is correct.

The clerk will read the titles of the bills for a second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1232) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 2751) to accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high polluting auto-

mobiles to replace such automobiles with new fuel efficient and less polluting automobiles.

Mr. REID. Madam President, one is the drug reimportation legislation that has been around for a number of years. We are trying to move forward on that legislation. Senators DORGAN, MCCAIN, SNOWE, and a number of people are very interested in that legislation. We are going to try to work it out and have this on the Senate floor on the earliest possible date. The other one is the so-called cash for clunkers bill.

I object to any further proceedings with respect to these bills en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

HONORING OFFICER STEPHEN T. JOHNS

Mr. REID. Madam President, yesterday, this city and our country experienced a terrible and horrifying tragedy. A man by the name of Stephen Johns went to work every day for the last 6 years at one of our Nation's most moving museums—a living memorial to one of our world's most horrific atrocities—the Holocaust Memorial Museum.

While standing guard yesterday at that U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Mr. Stephen Johns was killed while protecting thousands of others who were inside the building from the same fate that he suffered. His death has shocked, upset, and angered the Senate, our Nation, and all who detest such senseless bloodshed.

Mr. Johns was murdered in a place built to memorialize humanity's most unspeakable murders. He was a victim of violence and hatred in a place dedicated to teaching us the evils of violence and hatred. He was a target of intolerance in a place created for reflection on the consequences of intolerance. His death reminds us that we have much more work to do.

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